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REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 7-13 are pending.

The Applicants request acknowledgement of the claim for priority in this case. The certified priority document (JP 10-372807) was filed in the parent case, U.S. Serial No. 09/469,627, filed December 22, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,483,004).

Claims 7-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bradley U.S. Patent No. 5,849,201 (Bradley) in view of Brierley et al U.S. Patent No. 5,640,703 (Brierley), Pierce et al U.S. Patent No. 5,960,368 (Pierce), and Deguitre et al U.S. Patent No. 5,948,259 (Deguitre).

As advanced in the remarks accompanying the Reply dated June 9, 2003, a key feature of the invention is the simultaneous presence of hydrogen peroxide and ozone in the radioactive liquid waste under treatment by the claimed treating apparatus. In the language of claim 7, the treating apparatus is limited by "a means for charging ozone to said radioactive liquid wastes containing aqueous hydrogen peroxide." Thus, the Applicants submit that the rejection fails because Bradley, cited as disclosing this feature, nevertheless does not teach a means for charging ozone to a radioactive liquid waste containing aqueous hydrogen peroxide.